

Remarks/Arguments

The examiner in an Office Action dated 11 February 2004 rejected pending claims 1-10. As such this Office Action and the references cited therein have been carefully considered and this amendment is now presented in an effort to comply with Patent Office requirements and advance prosecution of the application.

With this amendment the applicant has amended claims 8-10 to overcome an indefiniteness rejection under 35 USC 112.

The examiner rejected claims 1-7, under 35 USC 102, as being anticipated by Olson. Independent claim 1, from which all the other claims depend, calls for a frame having hollow toolbars forming a pneumatic manifold. The toolbars are pneumatically coupled to one another by a resilient bell. Planting units are mounted to the toolbars. In Olson, the frame comprises toolbars having a square cross section. Planting units are mounted to the Olson toolbars. The Olson toolbars do not form a pneumatic manifold as called for in claim 1. Rather the Olson pneumatic manifold is formed by rigid pneumatic circular conduits 24, 26, 28 and 30 that are mounted to the square toolbars. Planting units are not mounted to the Olson pneumatic conduits 24, 26, 28 and 30. As such Olson does not anticipate claims 1-7.

In conclusion, it is believed that this application is in condition for allowance, and such allowance is respectfully requested.

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